forests. There is absolutely no reason for dissolving the National Medicinal Plants Board.

Conversion of Single Railway Lines into Double Railway Lines in Bihar

*190. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to covert single railway lines into double railway lines in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of single railway lines which have been converted into double railway line during 2005-2006?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) The work of doubling of single line patches on the following sections have been taken up. The details are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Section	Approx. Length in Km.	Cost (2005-06) (Rs. in Crore)	Anticipated throwforward as on 01.04.2006 (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Patna-Gaya	92	234.14	138.49
2.	Katihar-Barauni	180	274.25	228.76
3.	Chhapra-Hajipur	58.5	126.4	87.31
4.	Chhapra-Jiradei	72	140.64	129.64
5.	Kajra-Kiul	16	23.73	20.71

The doubling of Jiradei-Bhatni (38 kms.) section has been included in the Budget 2006-07. The status of the above mentioned projects is given in the statement (see below).

(c) During 2005-06, Mansi-Maheshkunt (10.5 Kms) and Barauni-Tilrath (9 kms) have been commissioned.

Statement

Status of the projects on doubling of single line Patches

(Rupees in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Year of Inclusion in Budget	Length (in Kms)	Anticipated Cost	Expenditure upto 31.3.2005	Outlay (2005-06)	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.PATNA-GAYA							
i (i)	Patna-Punpun	1996-97	13.24	14.39	14.39	-	Completed.
(ii)	Punpun-Taregna	1999-2000	16	53.85	52.85	0.50	Track linking completed. The section will be commissioned after electrification is done.
(iii)	Taregna-Jahanabad	2002-03	15.2	43.62	4.13	3.50	Work on earthwork and minor bridges have been taken up.
(iv)	Jahanabad-Bela	2003-04	27.47	75.0	0.01	2.00	Estimate sanctioned.
(v)	Bela-Chakand	2003-04	9.98	23.19	1.00	2.00	Estimate sanctioned.
(vi)	Chakand-Gaya	2002-03	9.29	24.09	10.27	5.00	Track linking is in progress.
2.KATIHAR-BARAUNI							
(i)	Barauni-Tirath (9 Km) & Barauni Bypass (5 Km)	2003-04	14	15.37	12.00	0.52	Work is in advance stages of completion.
(ii)	Tirath-Begusarai	2005-06	8.33	15.25	0.00	0.01	Detailed estimate under process.
(iii)	Begusarai-Khagaria	2005-06	40.38	71.31	0.00	0.01	Detailed estimate under process.

(iv)	Mansi-Maheshkhunt	2003-04	16.5	15.32	9.01	2.00	Completed.
(v)	Maheshkhunt-Thanabihpur	2005-06	31.75	45.41	0.00	3.00	Detailed estimate under process. Target for completion during 2006-07.
(vi)	Thanabihpur-Kursela	2005-06	33.57	45.00	0.00	0.01	Detailed estimate under process.
(vii)	Kursela-Semapur	2005-06	27.78	49.28	0.00	3.00	Detailed estimate under process. Targeted for completion during 2006-07
(viii)	Semapur-Katihar	2005-06	11.26	17.31	13.44	2.50	Track linking completed. Will be commissioned after authorization by Commissioner of Railway Safety.
3.CHHAPRA-HAJIPUR							
(i)	Chhapra-Sonepur	1999-2000	53	72.43	27.09	10.00	Earthwork, bridge works completed. Chhapra Dighwara (29 kms) is likely to be completed by 31.03.2006.
(ii)	Sonepur-Hajipur including Gandak bridge	2003-04	5.50	53.97	4.00	4.00	Estimate sanctioned Work has been taken up.
4.	CHHAPRA-JIRADEI						
(i)	Chhapra-Ekma	2004-05	28	62.30	3.00	5.00	Earthwork, bridgeworks and Blanketing are in progress. Chhapra-Ekma is targeted for completion during 2006-07.
(ii)	Ekma-Jiradei	2005-06	43.60	78.34	-	3.00	Detailed estimate have been sanctioned. Preliminary works have been taken up.
5.	KAJRA-KIUL	2002-03	15.85	23.73	0.02	3.00	Detailed estimate sanctioned. Work is in progress.